

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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Mrs. Virginia Wietecter  
628 Lind Rd.  
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July 10, 1996

Dear Mrs. Wietecter:

Our foundation which runs the Mercantile Money Museum wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the gift you made of the 1895 STAATS coin changer and the check writing machine. It was very gracious and generous of you to seek us out and this money equipment is indeed unusual. Both Eric P. Newman as museum president and I express our personal thanks for your gift.

The tray and the changer are both part of the one STAATS coin changer unit. Although the main body apparently has been dropped at some point and sustained some damage it is still a very nice specimen. We are in the process of examining it and will explore some restoration possibilities in the future. We are also doing some research as to the actual variety of this changer in the STAATS family of coin changers and we will pass those results along to you. We will try to obtain an appraisal of the equipment but we are assembling data and other information which can assist in that process at the present time.

We are a very educationally oriented museum and one of our main goals is to bring history and culture to life by showing artifacts and money from various times and places. The coin changer is an excellent example of the equipment which was routinely used in a society where coins were not trivial, but central to the economic lives of most people. Your gift enlarges our family of STAATS changers and gives us further flexibility in changing our Coin Changers and Counters display and for that we thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Serfass  
Museum Curator

cc:  
Eric P. Newman